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4-H Clubs in Charles County



<p><u>Calvary 4-H Club</u> Calvary Club provides experiences for youth participants from 5-18 wishing to learn more about service and leadership. Activities include service projects, arts and crafts, and environmental science. The club meets from 2-3:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Waldorf. Club Leader: LaNissir James</p>	<p><u>Charles County 4-H Rabbit Club</u> The Rabbit Club provides experiences for youth participants from 8-18 wishing to learn more about rabbits. Activities include rabbit care and showmanship. The club meets from 7-8:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in La Plata. Club Leader: Debbie Hanson</p>	<p><u>Country Clovers 4-H Club</u> Country Clovers is a community club that provides a wide variety of experiences for youth participants ranging in age from 5-18. Activities include complex crafts, woodworking, and service projects. The club meets from 6:30-8:00pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month in La Plata. Club Leader: Wendy Dingus</p>	<p><u>Creative Critters 4-H Club</u> Creative Critters is a long-standing community club that provides a wide variety of experiences for youth participants ranging in age from 5-18. Activities include nature walks, animal care, environmental science exploration, and service projects. The club meets from 2-4:00pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month in Waldorf and Accokeek. Club Leaders: Sharon Rabie and Christine Gonzales</p>
<p><u>Farmers Fortune 4-H Club</u> Farmer's Fortune is a community club that provides a wide variety of agricultural and livestock experiences for youth participants ranging in age from 5-18. Activities include public speaking, crafts, livestock workshops, and service projects. The club meets from 6:30-8:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month in Port Tobacco. Club Leaders: Maggie Boyden and Ann Herbert</p>	<p><u>Horsemasters 4-H Club</u> Horsemasters is a horse club that provides experiences for youth participants from 8-18 wishing to learn more about horses. Activities include horse care and crafting. The club meets from 6:30-8:00pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month in La Plata. Club Leader: Brigitte Wehrs</p>	<p><u>Hot Shots 4-H Club</u> Hot Shots is a community club that provides a wide variety of experiences for youth participants ranging in age from 5-18. Activities include horticulture, topiary, service projects, and crafts. The club meets from 6-7:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month in Newburg. Club Leaders: Stephanie Robertson and Holly Dunbar</p>	<p><u>Little Rascals 4-H Club</u> Little Rascals is a long-standing community club that provides a wide variety of experiences for youth participants ranging in age from 5-18. Activities include public speaking, presentations, and service projects. The club meets from 7-8:30pm on the 3rd Monday of the month in Nanjemoy. Club Leader: Barbara Macri</p>
	<p><u>Mounted Wanderers 4-H Club</u> Mounted Wanderers is a horse club that provides experiences for youth participants from 8-18 wishing to show horses competitively. Activities include horse care and showmanship. The club meets from 6:30-8:00pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month in La Plata. Club Leader: Kim Gladwell</p>	<p><u>Rebels 4-H Club</u> The Rebels is a community club that provides a wide variety of experiences for youth participants ranging in age from 5-18. Activities include woodworking, fishing, service projects, and crafts. The club meets from 7-8:30pm on the 1st Monday of the month in Bryantown. Club Leader: Donna Bailey</p>	

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Charles County 4-H Programs



August

1, 8, 15, 22 – Robotics, Nya, nmedley1@umd.edu

- A sixteen week program encompassing engineering design and computer coding principles. Youth build robots and programs to guide robot movements to accomplish an assigned task. Efforts are showcased at the State and County Fairs.

2 – Poultry Judging, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- Mrs. Bailey is getting ready to start Poultry Judging practice. In poultry judging, you learn all about evaluating chickens, eggs, and much more. If this is something you are interested in, join us on August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office. Exhibitors Entering Poultry in the Fair - We are setting up poultry testing for the 2022 Charles County Fair. If you plan to exhibit birds in the 2022 Charles County Fair, your birds must be tested for Avian Influenza and Pullorum Typhoid. If you need your birds tested, reach out to Jeanne at jeanneh@umd.edu

4 – Livestock Judging, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

- Judging is an opportunity for youth to develop and practice skills they have learned in their animal science projects. In a contest, youth judge a series of classes consisting of four animals each. Youth rank or place each class in order of correctness and desirability in what they see. Youth also take notes and give oral reasons explaining why they placed a class a particular way. In Livestock Judging youth learn about quality judging of beef, meat goat, sheep and swine classes.

4 – Canning Workshop – Now Full, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- Class will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Charles County Fairgrounds. Youth will make at least 4 canning projects to enter in the fair. Registration for this event costs \$25.00 by cash or check payable to the Charles County EAC. Registration closes Friday, July 30, 2022. Youth will need to bring lunch and water.

10 – Fair Project Day- Now Full, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- Project day will be held at the Charles County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Youth will make at least 6 projects to enter in the fair. Registration for this event is \$20.00 by cash or check payable to the Charles County EAC. Registration closes Friday, August 5, 2022 if not filled before. Youth will need to bring lunch and water. There are an EXTREMELY limited number of spaces, so if your child is interested please get the JotForm below in ASAP, <https://form.jotform.com/jeanneh4/2022cc4hfaiprojectday>

13 – Kent Avenue Block Party Outreach Event, Nya, nmedley1@umd.edu

- An opportunity for 4-H and other Extension staff to meet with community members and share exciting 4-H program opportunities.

14 – Returning Shooter Shotgun Program, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- The shotgun program for RETURNING 4-H members will be getting ready to start up. If youth are interested, please email Jeanne at jeanneh@umd.edu to be placed on the waiting list.

15 – Charles County Fair Entry Forms Due, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- Entry forms are due August 15, 2022. Livestock, Horse, and Dog project members be advised that those who are eligible will be sent the forms. Poultry project members: We are waiting for MDA to make the call for poultry exhibits at our fair. As of now, poultry exhibits are allowed until August 1st . If you plan on entering poultry, make

sure to get in your poultry cards and entry form. If things change, we will alert those registered of the change. The fair book and forms are available via this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14fHqkd6rPQMoZziTXjUQy4DI3lrzQVO?usp=sharing>

15, 22 – Pollinators with Charles County Parks and Recreation, Amy, amlang@umd.edu

- Join our new club centered around the importance and challenges facing pollinators in our world today. Teen leaders will be trained to educate youth and adult audiences about the importance of pollination, challenges pollinators are facing, and actions we can all take to support them. Teens will also install a pollinator garden at the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center in La Plata to support pollinators and use as a demonstration tool.

17 – Insect Exploration ECAC Outreach Event, Amy, amlang@umd.edu

- An opportunity for 4-H and other Extension staff to meet with community members and share exciting 4-H program opportunities.

17 & 18 – Clover Days, Nya, nmedley1@umd.edu

- An opportunity for our youngest 4-H'ers to spend a few days together focused on activities designed for 5-7 year old youth.

20 – Charles County Community Resource Day Outreach Event, Nya, nmedley1@umd.edu

- An opportunity for 4-H and other Extension staff to meet with community members and share exciting 4-H program opportunities.

20 – Joyful Studio Youth Market, Nya, nmedley1@umd.edu

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25 to 9-11 – Maryland State Fair, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

- The 11 Best Days of Summer for 4-H youth to exhibit their 4-H projects in the show ring or the 4-H Building.

28 – Maryland State Fair Robotics Showcase, Nya, nmedley1@umd.edu

- An opportunity for our Robotics teams to showcase their engineering and robotic skills.

30 – County Fair Volunteer Meeting, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

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September

1 – New Adult Volunteer Training, Amy, amlang@umd.edu

- We are always excited to welcome new adult volunteers into the 4-H Family. The program cannot function without a dedicated pool of volunteers willing to share their time and talents with our youth. This session is a required step in the volunteer certification process. Join us, and be a part of “making the best better”. Thank you!!

Register in advance for this virtual meeting, which will take place from 6:30-8:30pm:

https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcufumopzoqEt2mgTrXpJpC6mE1SC5x_28i

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

1-11 – Maryland State Fair, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

- The 11 Best Days of Summer for 4-H youth to exhibit their 4-H projects in the show ring or the 4-H Building.

13 – Charles County Fair Entry Drop Off at Fairgrounds, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- Drop off your building fair entries between 1 and 8pm at the Fairgrounds. The fair book and forms are available at this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14fHqkd6rPQMoZziTxiUQy4DI3lrzQVO?usp=sharing>

15 – 18 Charles County Fair, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- An opportunity for Charles County 4-H youth to exhibit their 4-H projects in the show ring or the 4-H Building.

30 – Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals Due to the State Office, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

- The Diamond Clover Award Program engages 4-H youth in a variety of projects and activities that will enable them to acquire skills related to leadership, community service, civic engagement and advocacy. The award consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and accomplish a broad range of age-appropriate goals with supportive volunteers and community members. The Diamond Clover Project is one-way 4-H youth can make a lasting difference in their community.

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>

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October

2 to 8 – National 4-H Week, Amy, amlang@umd.edu

- A week-long celebration of all things 4-H!

5 – 16 Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraiser, Donna, dmohler@umd.edu

- Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential. Details on how you can support the effort will be coming soon.

6 – 4-H Information Session, Amy, amlang@umd.edu

- Join us at the Charles County Extension Office at 6:00pm for an Interest Meeting. Meet club leaders and participants to learn what 4-H is all about.

19– Senior Opportunity Showcase, Amy, amlang@umd.edu

- Learn about the amazing state, national, and international opportunities 4-H offers for 14-18 year old youth. Learn how to...
 - complete the senior 4-H portfolio process
 - travel and participate in state and national leadership events
 - host international youth in your home or travel to their homes overseas
 - complete a Diamond Clover project
 - apply for 4-H Scholarships

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21 – Trunk or Treat, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- Join 4-H for a fun-filled evening of costume and merriment. Details coming soon.

24 – Annual Organizational Club Leader Meeting, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

- Mark your calendar for the Annual Fall Club Organizational Leaders Meeting, Monday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. We will be going over the year-end close out requirements for the clubs and reviewing 2022.

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November

1 – Senior 4-H Portfolio Submission Portal Opens, Amy, amlang@umd.edu

- The Portfolio process is used to select Maryland youth delegates for National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, National Leadership Conference (at Camp Miniwanca), Virginia 4-H Congress and West Virginia Older Members Conference.

2 – Youth Council, Amy, amlang@umd.edu

- Charles County 4-H has formed a Youth Advisory Council. We are a group of 8-18 year olds who share suggestions for the Charles County 4-H program. The group meets virtually once/quarter from 7-8:00pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Amy, amlang@umd.edu

21 – Extension Advisory Council meeting, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

- The Charles County Extension Advisory Council is a group of representatives from the county who contribute to the overall program development of the Extension Office in program areas. Members help in identifying problem areas and establish program priorities. Members also assist with informing the public about Extension programs, and assist in building support for Extension Programs.

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December

9 – Record Books Due to the Charles County Office, Jeanne, jeanneh@umd.edu

- The purpose of 4-H record keeping is to teach how to keep records, which is an important life skill. Record keeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends.

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2023 Upcoming Events

January

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7 – Steer Weigh-in, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

- This is a requirement for any youth planning to show a steer at the Maryland State Fair.

9 – Skillathon, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

- Skillathon is a method of involving youth in challenging, competitive or non-competitive, learn-by-doing activities. Skillathons are designed as a series of mini-learning stations where participants rotate from station to station attempting to perform the task they are given. 4-H'ers can participate in a skillathon individually or as a team. The purpose is to offer a positive opportunity for youth to enhance and demonstrate their breadth of knowledge and understanding of animal science, management knowledge and skills related to 4-H projects that interest them.

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February

4 – Steer Weigh-in, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

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26 – Skillathon Mock Contest, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

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March

4 – State Skillathon, Bonnie, bboyden@umd.edu

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